

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) An ink cartridge that can be detachably attached to an ink jet printer, comprising:

a holding portion formed over two adjacent faces of the ink cartridge ~~adjacent to each other~~, one end of the holding portion being a corner portion of a recess portion provided on a front face of the ink cartridge, the corner portion of the recess portion having an acute angle, and the ink cartridge being attached or detached in a horizontal direction.

28. (Previously Presented) The ink cartridge according to claim 27, wherein the holding portion has a structure held from a vertical direction.

29. (Currently Amended) The ink cartridge according to claim 27, wherein the two adjacent faces of the ink cartridge ~~adjacent to each other~~ are an upper face and a front face of the ink cartridge.

30. (Previously Presented) The ink cartridge according to claim 27, wherein one end of the holding portion is a projection portion provided on an upper face of the ink cartridge.

31. (Previously Presented) The ink cartridge according to claim 30, wherein the projection portion is provided at a front end portion of the upper face of the ink cartridge.

32-33. (Canceled)

34. (Currently Amended) The ink cartridge according to claim ~~[[32]]~~ 27, wherein the corner portion of the recess portion is positioned in a midway, in a vertical direction, of the front face of the ink cartridge.

35. (Currently Amended) The ink cartridge according to claim ~~[[32]]~~ 27, wherein the recess portion is formed over an entire width of the ink cartridge and is opened at both end portions.

36. (Currently Amended) The ink cartridge according to claim ~~[[32]]~~ 27, wherein an angle formed by a lower end portion of the recess portion and the front face of the ink cartridge is an obtuse angle.

37. (Previously Presented) The ink cartridge according to claim 27, wherein the holding portion has a flat portion that allows pressing in a cartridge mounting direction.

38. (Previously Presented) The ink cartridge according to claim 27, wherein a holding style of the holding portion can be changed according to a height at a time of cartridge mounting.

39. (Previously Presented) The ink cartridge according to claim 27, further comprising:

a guide member that guides the ink cartridge during cartridge mounting.

40. (Previously Presented) The ink cartridge according to claim 39, wherein the guide member allows positioning of the ink cartridge in the ink jet printer.

41. (Previously Presented) The ink cartridge according to claim 40, wherein the guide member allows positioning of the ink cartridge in the ink jet printer in a vertical direction.

42. (Previously Presented) The ink cartridge according to claim 40, wherein the guide member allows positioning of the ink cartridge in the ink jet printer in a front direction and a rear direction.

43. (Previously Presented) The ink cartridge according to claim 39, wherein the guide member is provided at a different position corresponding to a color of ink in the ink cartridge.

44. (Previously Presented) The ink cartridge according to claim 27, further comprising:

an ink supplying tube that is provided at a rear face portion of the ink cartridge and encircled by a space that is opened at both sides, in a widthwise direction, of the ink cartridge.

45. (Currently Amended) An ink cartridge that is detachably attached to an ink jet printer, comprising:

a recess portion, for a user to put a finger, that is provided at a front face of the ink cartridge, the recess portion including one corner portion on which the finger of the user is put, the corner portion having an acute angle, and the ink cartridge being attached or detached in a horizontal direction.

46-47. (Canceled)

48. (Previously Presented) The ink cartridge according to claim 45, wherein the recess portion is positioned in a midway, in a vertical direction, of the front face of the ink cartridge.

49. (Previously Presented) The ink cartridge according to claim 45, wherein the recess portion is formed over an entire width of the ink cartridge and is opened at both end portions.

50. (Previously Presented) The ink cartridge according to claim 45, wherein an angle formed by a lower end portion of the recess portion and the front face of the ink cartridge is an obtuse angle.

51. (Currently Amended) An ink jet printer, comprising:
an ink cartridge that is detachably attached to the ink jet printer and includes a holding portion formed over two adjacent faces of the ink cartridge, ~~adjacent to each other~~ one end of the holding portion being a corner portion of a recess portion provided on a front face of the ink cartridge, the corner portion of the recess portion having an acute angle, and the ink cartridge being attached or detached in a horizontal direction.

52. (Currently Amended) An ink jet printer, comprising:
an ink cartridge that is detachably attached to the ink jet printer and includes a recess portion for a user to put a finger, the recess portion provided at a front face of the ink

cartridge, the recess portion includes one corner portion on which the finger of the user is put, the corner portion having an acute angle, and the ink cartridge being attached or detached in a horizontal direction.